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SUBJECT: DEATH OF PRIME MINISTER RAZAK

1. EMBASSY KL REQUESTED TO SUPPLY FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRIME MINISTER RAZAK AS SOON AS DETAILS ARE KNOWN.

(A) WHAT FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE PLANNED (I.E. PUBLIC CEREMONY, PRIVATE CEREMONY, INTERMENT)? WHAT ARE DRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR CEREMONY (IF FORMAL, DEFINE PRECISELY)?

WOULD ANY RELIGIOUS RESTRICTIONS APPLY (WIVES NOT TO ACCOMPANY, ETC.)? (B) WHAT ARE EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON US REPRESENTATION, INCLUDING SIZE OF DELEGATION?

(C) WHAT ARE DATES AND TIMES OF CEREMONIES? WHAT IS RECOMMENDED TIME OF ARRIVAL OF A US DELEGATION, AND LATEST POSSIBLE TIME THAT A DELEGATION COULD ARRIVE? (B) WHO ARE PROBABLE OTHER THIRD COUNRRY ATTENDEES AT FUNERAL?

(E) EMBASSY'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON COURTESY, ISSUES AND
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TALKING POINTS FOR HEAD OF DELEGATION AND NAMES OF PERSONS

DELEGATION HEAD WOULD LIKELY MEET.

2. EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON EFFECT OF RAZAK DEATH'S ON MALAYSIAN
POLITICAL SCENE WOULD BE APPRECIATED SOONEST. WHO IS
MOST LIKELY SUCCESSOR? WILL SUCCESSION BE ORDERLY? WHAT
EFFECT WILL RAZAK DEATH'S HAVE ON PROSECUTION OF SELANGOR
CHIEF MINISTER HARUN AND ON COMMUNAL SITUATION GENERALLY?

3. ASSUME AMBASSADOR WILL REMAIN IN KL FOR THE FUNERAL.

4. FOR LONDON: WLD APPRECIATE DETAILS OF PRIME
MINISTER'S RETURN TO MALAYSIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
WHAT IS EXPECTED LEVEL OF BRITISH REPRESENTATION AT
FUNERAL CEREMONIES? KISSINGER

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